

## **Changes to the 2014-2015 Assignment Credential Manual**

- The name of the endorsement formerly known as “Library Media Specialist” has been changed to “Teacher Librarian.” Therefore, the endorsement and assignment code have undergone name changes. The numbers remain the same, but the names have been adjusted to reflect the rule change. The new assignment number and endorsement code are as follows:
  - Assignment code: **33001** Teacher Librarian (All grades)
  - Endorsement: 7020 Teacher Librarian K/12
- A recent change to the assignment codes for elementary school counselors and secondary school counselors has been amended to reflect Idaho code section 33-1001, which defines elementary as grades 1-6 and secondary as 7-12. Therefore, school social workers will no longer be allowed to be the school counselor at a middle school or junior high.

In light of this, however, several school districts and school social workers have been adversely affected. The Standards Committee of the Professional Standards Commission discussed the situation at the last meeting. It was agreed for existing situations a waiver may be granted for persons holding the Pupil Personnel Service Certificate with a School Social Worker Endorsement to perform the duties of a school counselor at the middle school/junior high level. The district/charter employing the certified school social worker will need to submit the attached waiver with applicable signatures to the State Department of Education. This will allow the person who holds the school social worker endorsement to continue functioning as a school counselor at the middle school/junior high level for the duration of their employment with the district/charter. If the certified school social worker allows their certificate to lapse or changes to a new district/charter, the waiver will no longer be applicable and the proper school counselor endorsement will need to be obtained for grades beyond elementary.

## **Reminder Regarding Changes made to the 2013-2014 Assignment Credential Manual**

- The former Title 1 - All Subjects (Gr. K-6) assignment code has been changed to **00070 Supplemental Instruction – Elementary** (Gr. K-6). The intent of this change is to accommodate all students who are receiving supplemental elementary instruction. Supplemental instruction can take place in a variety of school settings, such as the general education classroom, a special education classroom, or as pull-out instruction in a resource room.
- Assignment codes 53159 Physical Science (Gr. 6-8) and 03159 Physical Science (Gr. 9-12) can now be taught by teachers holding the Chemistry endorsement that is appropriate for the grade being taught.

- A new assignment code **00084 Development Support – Special Education – Elementary (Gr. 1-6)** has been added to accommodate students with severe and profound disabilities who are assessed against alternate content standards.
- Teachers holding the endorsements 7029 Generalist K/12, 7030 Hearing Impaired K/12, and 7035 Visually Impaired K/12, can now teach general education elementary assignments grades K through 8. This change has been made to accommodate teachers who have been prepared to teach general education elementary courses, in addition to their areas of expertise in special education. As with elementary All Subjects K/8 endorsement holders, in order to teach elementary core content, all teachers must be highly qualified in Elementary core content. In order to teach middle school assignments, all teachers must show proof of being highly qualified in the specific core content area to teach middle school core content assignments.
- The Elementary codes for Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired assignments have been eliminated. Hearing and visually impaired students should be coded using the general education codes that represent the content being taught to the student. If the hearing or visually impaired endorsed teacher is facilitating instruction, and another teacher is designated as the teacher of record, the hearing or visually impaired teacher can be coded with 00070 Supplemental Instruction – Elementary (Gr. K-6). In the student course code information, districts will enter the information showing that the students are receiving Hearing or Visually Impaired instruction.
- Teachers holding 7028 Gifted & Talented K/12 and 7038 Bilingual Ed K/12 endorsements can now teach any general education elementary (Gr. K-6) or (Gr. 1-6) assignments. As with elementary All Subjects K/8 endorsement holders, they must be highly qualified in Elementary core content to teach core content assignments.
- The Elementary code for Bilingual has been eliminated. Elementary Bilingual courses should be coded using the general education codes that represent the content the student is being taught. In the student course code information, districts will enter the information showing that the students are receiving Bilingual instruction.